

In the Claims

Applicants have submitted a new complete claim set showing marked up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

Please amend pending claims 13-15, 18, 24-26, and 29 as noted below.

1-12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a computer system executing a first software program that processes a file, the computer system further comprising a data set that comprises data that is independent of the file, the method comprising acts of:

- (A) comparing at least one usage characteristic of the file to the data set; and
- (B) when the at least one usage characteristic of the file matches at least one characteristic of the data set, associating data from the data set with the file, wherein the at least one usage characteristic comprises at least a current date when the first software program is processing the file.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the at least one usage characteristic includes a current ~~date~~ and time when the first software program is processing the file.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the first software program has a user, wherein the user has a schedule and activities, and wherein the data set comprises data representative of at least one of the user's schedule and activities.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the act (A) comprises an act of accessing the data set by interfacing with a second software program that is different from the first software program.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the second software program is a schedule planning software program.
18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 14, wherein the act (A) comprises an act of comparing the current date and time when the first software program is processing the file against a schedule including dates and times for a plurality of events; and
wherein the act (B) is performed automatically.
19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the act (B) comprises an act of automatically generating a folder structure based at least in part on information in the data set.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the first software program has a user, and wherein the method further comprises acts of:
receiving data entered manually by the user; and
associating the manually entered data with the file.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising an act of storing the data associated with the file in the act (B) in a data structure having a searching capability.
22. (Previously Presented) A method comprising acts of:
(A) using a computer to create, modify, delete or access a file;
(B) comparing at least one characteristic of the file against a schedule comprising events with dates, times and activities;
(C) associating a searchable label with the file when the at least one characteristic of the file matches at least one characteristic of the schedule; and
(D) retrieving the file using the label.
23. (Previously Presented) A method comprising acts of:

- (A) interfacing with a schedule planning program to import a schedule of events with dates, times, activities, and related data;
- (B) using a computer to create, modify, delete or access a file;
- (C) comparing at least one characteristic of the file against the schedule;
- (D) associating a searchable label with the file when the at least one characteristic of the file matches at least one characteristic of the schedule; and
- (E) retrieving the file using the label.

24. (Currently Amended) At least one computer readable medium encoded with program for use in a computer system executing a first software program that processes a file, the computer system further comprising a data set that comprises data that is independent of the file, the program, when executed by the computer system, performing a method comprising acts of:

- (A) comparing at least one usage characteristic of the file to the data set; and
- (B) when the at least one usage characteristic of the file matches at least one characteristic of the data set, associating data from the data set with the file, wherein the at least one usage characteristic comprises at least a current date when the first software program is processing the file.

25. (Currently Amended) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 24, wherein the at least one usage characteristic includes a current ~~date~~ and time when the first software program is processing the file.

26. (Currently Amended) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 24, wherein the first software program has a user, wherein the user has a schedule and activities, and wherein the data set comprises data representative of at least one of the user's schedule and activities.

27. (Previously Presented) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 24, wherein the act (A) comprises an act of accessing the data set by interfacing with a second software program that is different from the first software program.

28. (Previously Presented) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 27, wherein the second software program is a schedule planning software program.

29. (Currently Amended) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 24, wherein the act (A) comprises an act of comparing [[the]] ~~a current date and~~ time when the first software program is processing the file against a schedule including dates and times for a plurality of events; and
wherein the act (B) is performed automatically.

30. (Previously Presented) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 24, wherein the act (B) comprises an act of automatically generating a folder structure based at least in part on information in the data set.

31. (Previously Presented) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 24, wherein the first software program has a user, and wherein the method further comprises acts of:
receiving data entered manually by the user; and
associating the manually entered data with the file.

32. (Previously Presented) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 24, further comprising an act of storing the data associated with the file in the act (B) in a data structure having a searching capability.

33. (Previously Presented) At least one computer readable medium encoded with a program for execution on a computer system, the program, when executed by the computer system, performing a method comprising acts of:

- (A) using a computer to create, modify, delete or access a file;
- (B) comparing at least one characteristic of the file against a schedule comprising events with dates, times and activities;

(C) associating a searchable label with the file when the at least one characteristic of the file matches at least one characteristic of the schedule; and

(D) retrieving the file using the label.

34. (Previously Presented) At least one computer readable medium encoded with a program for execution on a computer system, the program, when executed by the computer system, performing a method comprising acts of:

(A) interfacing with a schedule planning program to import a schedule of events with dates, times, activities, and related data;

(B) using a computer to create, modify, delete or access a file;

(C) comparing at least one characteristic of the file against the schedule;

(D) associating a searchable label with the file when the at least one characteristic of the file matches at least one characteristic of the schedule; and

(E) retrieving the file using the label.